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Irrigation

Proposed scheme of irrigation by the Ponniar river in North Arcot district.

* 1668 Q.—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any scheme for irrigation by the river Ponniar in North Arcot district ;

(b) whether the Superintending Engineer of Tanjore inspected the river about six months ago and suggested a scheme to take water to South Arcot district and to a few villages in Tiruvannamalai taluk by constructing a dam in the bed of the river;

(c) when the proposed scheme is to be taken in hand ;

(d) whether the scheme will be so modified as to benefit a greater portion of lands in the North Arcot district ; and

(e) what are the reasons for delaying the scheme ?

A.—In the schedule of requirements of staff for the investigation of projects, submitted in October 1927, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation applied for a special establishment for the investigation of a scheme to construct a reservoir across the Ponniar in the Tiruvannamalai taluk. A preliminary report on the scheme was stated to have been drawn up and its detailed investigation remained to be taken up. The scheme as proposed consists in the formation of a tank of a capacity of 11,000 million cubic feet at a narrow gorge near Ariakujiyur. The Government considered that the investigation should be postponed for the present unless it could be taken up by the ordinary establishment.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" May I know why it is delayed to appoint a special establishment to carry on this work ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" We have appointed various special establishments for works and this was not considered urgent enough to need a special establishment."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" May I know how much it will cost to have a special establishment for this ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Rao Bahadur K. Sitarama Reddiyar :—" May I know if the Government have been made aware of the results of this scheme if it would affect the vested interests in the first freshes in the river Ponniar, enjoyed by the British and the French ryots lower down ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" A preliminary report on that subject is with us."

Motor Vehicles Act

Number of cars and bus accidents in the City of Madras.

* 1669 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of motor cars in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1927 ;

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(b) the number of motor cars plying for hire in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1927;

(c) the number of motor buses plying for hire in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1927;

(d) the number of accidents (i) to motor cars and (ii) to motor buses in Madras City and in each district of the Presidency attended with injuries to persons and loss of life in 1927;

(e) the number of persons who have suffered injuries, and of those whose lives were lost as the result of motor car and motor bus accidents in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency in 1927;

(f) the main causes of these accidents in the order of their frequency; and

(g) what steps Government propose to take to prevent or check at least the most frequent causes having regard to the very recent bus accidents in Madras City, etc.?

A.—(a) *to* (f) The information is furnished.[a]

(g) The question is under consideration.

Police

Association of Police officers for their amelioration.

*1670 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any association of police officers is working now for the amelioration of that department; and

(b) whether any existed some time back, and whether the Government encouraged it or discouraged it?

A.—(a) A list[b] of associations of police officers recognized by Government is appended.

(b) The question is not understood.

[For further list of starred questions, please see page 244 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Co-operative Societies

Travelling allowances drawn by Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies.

1671 Q.—Mr. A. Parasurama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Deputy Registrars now working in the Presidency;

(b) the districts under the charges of each of them;

(c) the number of days they were on tour during the last year, that is, from January 1927 to December 1927;

(d) what is the amount of travelling allowance drawn by each of them during that period;

(e) whether any and which of them tour on motor-cars;

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 296–298 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix III on page 299 infra.